

CSWC Operational Period Summary

0600 December 24 2015 to 1800 December 24 2015



California State Capitol Christmas tree.

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Note: [Report updates are in blue](#)



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SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

Weather of Concern

Humboldt, Del Norte, and Mendocino Counties

- Very cold overnight temperatures are forecast for Friday night.
- Cold air aloft has led to instability and small hail showers for coastal areas. Thunderstorms and small hail will continue to be possible into the evening hours for coastal areas.

Sacramento and Sutter Counties

- A cold Pacific frontal system will be sweeping through Northern California today and tonight. This will bring valley rain and low elevation snow to the North state. Snow levels will be as low as 1000 feet over Shasta county and as low as 1500 to 2000 feet over the coast range and northern Sierra. The precipitation should end by late Christmas morning most areas.

Central California

- A Hard Freeze Watch is in effect for the San Joaquin Valley from late Saturday evening through Sunday morning. Temperatures are expected to drop to the mid 20's for several hours over the rural areas of the valley after midnight, until a few hours after sunrise. The larger cities will see temperatures range from 28 to 31 degrees.
- A Winter Storm Warning is in effect for the Sierra Nevada (above 4,000 feet) from Yosemite to Kings Canyon National Parks from early Thursday morning until early morning Christmas Day. Winter Weather Advisories are in effect for the Tulare County mountains, the Sierra Nevada foothills from Mariposa to Tulare Counties, and the Kern County mountain/desert areas for elevations above 2000 feet late afternoon on Christmas. Gusty winds will be also possible over the Sierra Nevada crest as well as the favored passes and canyons in the Kern County mountains/desert.

Southern California

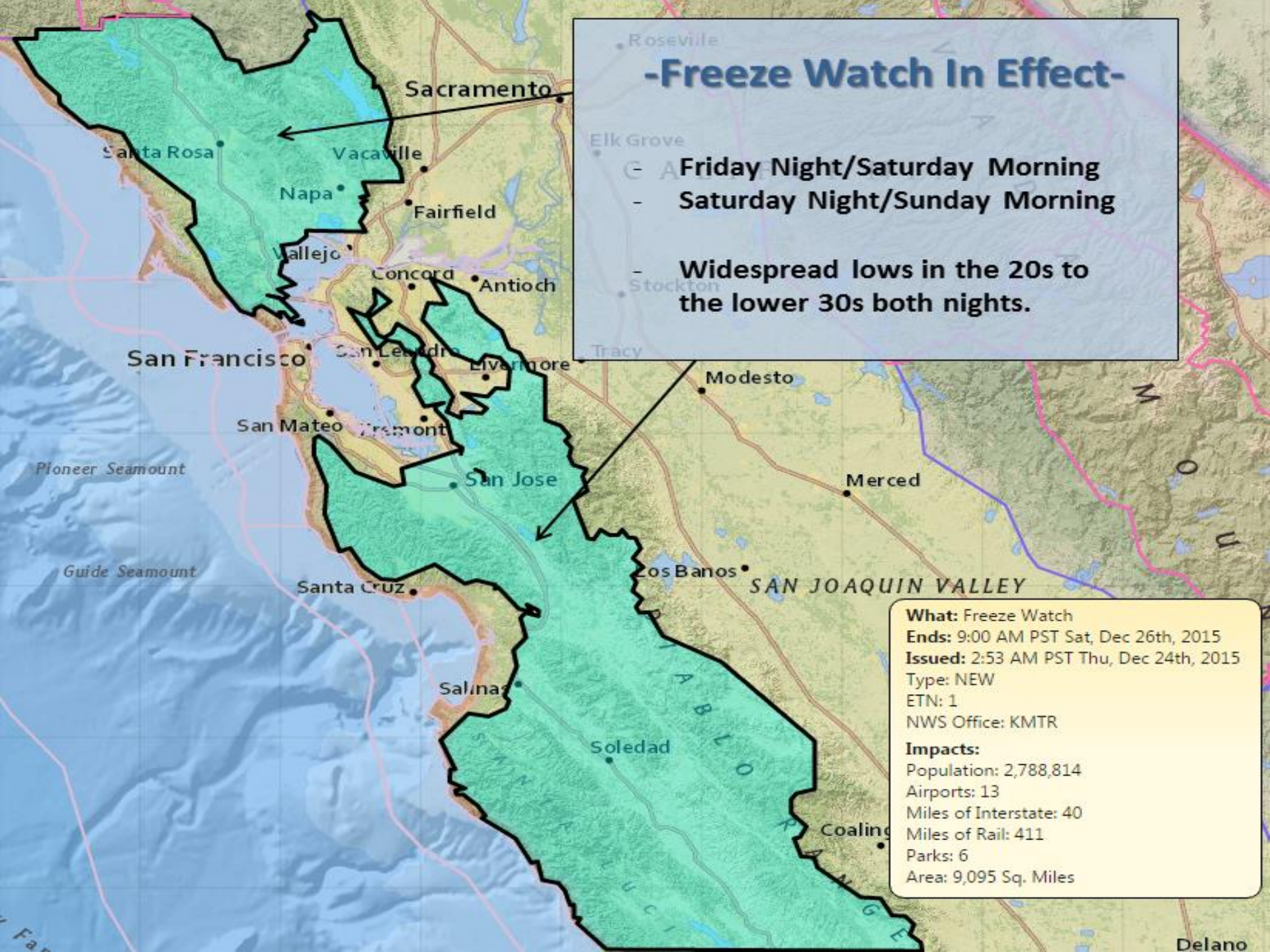
- A cold storm system will move across southwest California tonight and Christmas day. Light precipitation will occur with snow levels lowering to 3000 feet by Friday morning. There is potential for snow accumulation of 1-3 inches on highways and mountain passes in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties which could result in travel delays and icy conditions late tonight and Christmas morning. Then, a strong and cold Santa Ana wind event will develop across the Ventura and Los Angeles County mountains Friday night into Saturday morning. Winds will become gusty in the valleys and coastal areas on Saturday as well. Gusty winds and low humidity will continue through Sunday morning creating elevated fire danger.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwwa_bc_cal.php



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-Freeze Watch In Effect-

Friday Night/Saturday Morning
Saturday Night/Sunday Morning

**Widespread lows in the 20s to
the lower 30s both nights.**

What: Freeze Watch
Ends: 9:00 AM PST Sat, Dec 26th, 2015
Issued: 2:53 AM PST Thu, Dec 24th, 2015
Type: NEW
ETN: 1
NWS Office: KMTR

Impacts:
Population: 2,788,814
Airports: 13
Miles of Interstate: 40
Miles of Rail: 411
Parks: 6
Area: 9,095 Sq. Miles

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

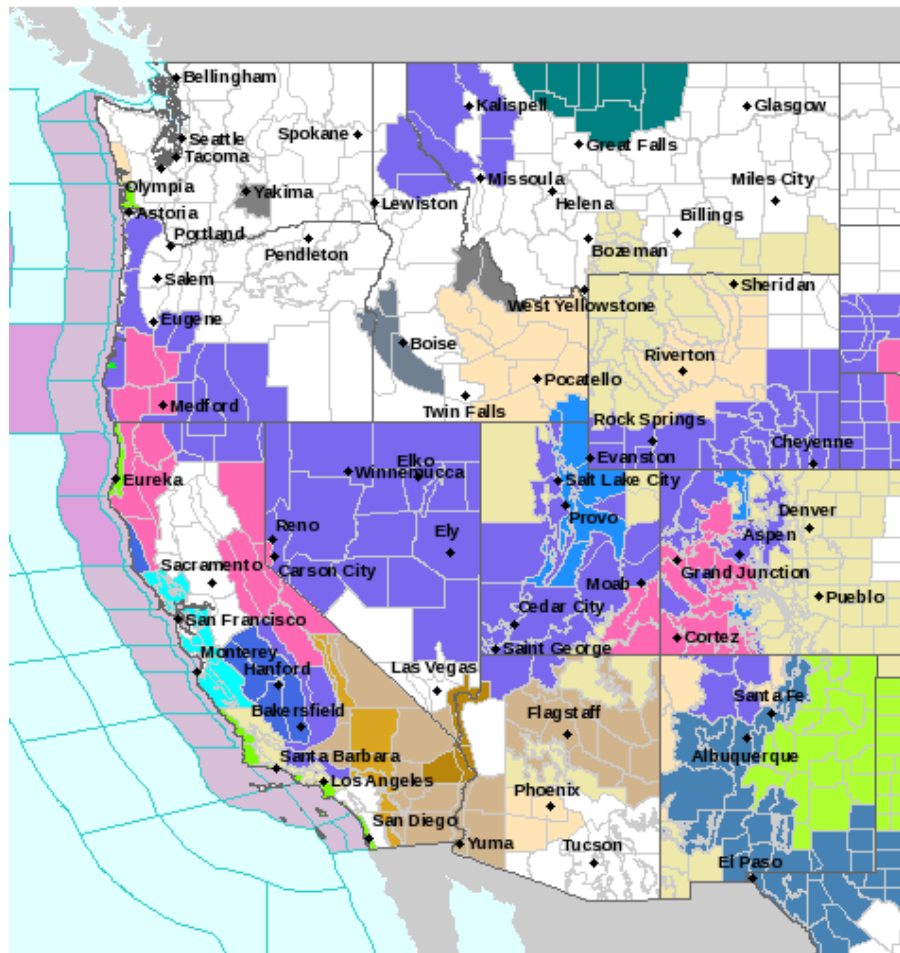
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Today the foothills and mountains will be cloudy with light to moderate snow above 1000 to 1500 feet in the north and 2000 feet in the south. The valley will be partly cloudy to cloudy with showers. The low will be pass across Northern California this afternoon and evening and be over Nevada on Friday. Tonight we will have partly cloudy skies with showers mainly over the foothills and mountains. Friday there will still be a few snow flurries over the mountains with partly to mostly sunny skies in the valley. Skies will clear over all areas Sunday evening as gusty north winds move into the area. Saturday will be mostly sunny and cool with gusty north winds. Wind sheltered valleys will be cold Saturday night. Sunday afternoon and Monday a weak low pressure area will drop southward across the north state. This will bring clouds and light precipitation to all areas. Snow levels will be 1500 feet north and 2500 feet south. Tuesday through Thursday high pressure will be along the coast. The north state will be mostly sunny with near normal temperatures. Gusty north winds will occur Tuesday and Wednesday.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Tonight into Friday...A low pressure system will drop southeast towards the great basin. Strong westerly winds will develop over the mountain ridge tops and desert slopes. This system will also bring a slight chance of light showers to most areas across the region...With the exception of the low deserts. Relatively low snow levels are expected with light accumulations. Strong and gusty offshore winds will develop this weekend...Especially below passes and canyons west of the mountains. Lower than normal temperatures will continue through the weekend and into early next week with patchy frost developing in wind sheltered areas during the early mornings.

STATE WEATHER MAP



- Winter Storm Warning
- High Wind Warning
- Avalanche Warning
- Flood Warning
- Gale Warning
- Winter Weather Advisory
- Wind Chill Advisory
- Coastal Flood Advisory
- High Surf Advisory
- Dense Fog Advisory
- Small Craft Advisory For Hazardous Seas
- Small Craft Advisory For Rough Bar
- Small Craft Advisory For Winds
- Small Craft Advisory
- Hazardous Seas Warning
- Lake Wind Advisory
- Wind Advisory
- Frost Advisory
- Freezing Fog Advisory
- Blizzard Watch
- Beach Hazards Statement
- Winter Storm Watch
- High Wind Watch
- Hard Freeze Watch
- Freeze Watch
- Special Weather Statement
- Marine Weather Statement
- Air Quality Alert
- Air Stagnation Advisory
- Hazardous Weather Outlook
- Short Term Forecast

Last map update: Dec, 24th 2015 at 7:55:22 pm MST



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC and will be held once per month.

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Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 63 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 29 Counties: Butte, Colusa, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 13 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).

CAL OES MISSIONS

Closed Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-20602 12/22/15, 1217 hrs.**, The AFRCC reported an ALNOT on a missing aircraft in Alameda County. The aircraft, a 2001 Piper fixed wing single engine, is registered out of Rocklin, Placer County. FAA reports losing radar contact as the aircraft was descending into Oakland at coordinates 37.6438N 121.9757W, which plots to the Sunol area. AFRCC activated the CA Wing of CAP and issued mission #15M0779A. Alameda County S.O. was notified and responded immediately, along with CHP and Fire. Update: FAA confirmed that although the aircraft was flying using IFR, no flight plan was filed so it could not be immediately determined the identity of the pilot or the number of occupants on board. Alameda S.O. later briefed that deputies on the ground located what they believe is the crash site while walking the ridge, sighting the wreckage in heavy brush and in a very steep ravine. Only a partial tail number has been located thus far. The S.O., along with the County Coroner will be on scene tomorrow in an attempt to determine positive ID of the aircraft, numbers and identities of occupants, etc. but there is no ETA for such findings. The debris field is estimated at more than 100 yards long. Alameda S.O. has notified the FAA. **Update 12/24/15 at 0848 hours:** [Per Alameda County Sheriff's Office \(ALCO\), their team was on site again all day Wednesday. The full tail number was located and confirmed to be that of the ALNOT. Additional remains were found but ID will require DNA. Both NTSB and FAA were on scene and their investigation continues. ALCO is now demobilized. LDO notified and briefed the AFRCC, who also closed their mission number. Mission Closed](#)



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.